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$\S\,301\text{--}75.203$ May we provide the interviewee with a travel advance?

No

§ 301-75.204 May we use Government contractor-issued travelers checks to pay for the interviewee's travel expenses?

No.

§ 301-75.205 Is the interviewee required to submit a travel claim to

No. Only if the interviewee wants to be reimbursed, then he or she must submit a travel claim in accordance with your agency procedures in order to receive reimbursement for pre-employment interview travel expense.

APPENDIX A TO CHAPTER 301—PRE-SCRIBED MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATES FOR CONUS

The maximum rates listed below are prescribed under part 301–11 of this chapter for reimbursement of per diem expenses incurred during official travel within CONUS (the continental United States). The amount shown in column (a) is the maximum that will be reimbursed for lodging expenses excluding taxes. The M&IE rate shown in column (b) is a fixed amount allowed for meals and incidental expenses covered by per diem. The per diem payment calculated in accordance with part 301–11 of this chapter for lodging expenses plus the M&IE rate may not ex-

ceed the maximum per diem rate shown in column (c). Seasonal rates apply during the periods indicated.

It is the policy of the Government, as reflected in the Hotel Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-391, September 25, 1990 as amended by Pub. L. 105-85, November 18, 1997), referred to as "the Act" in this paragraph, to save lives and protect property by promoting fire safety in hotels, motels, and all places of public accommodation affecting commerce. In furtherance of the Act's goals, employees are encouraged to stay in a facility which is fire-safe, i.e., an approved accommodation, when commercial lodging is required. Lodgings that meet the Government requirements are listed on the U.S. Fire Administration's Internet site at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/index.htm.

Note: Major changes in the coverage of per diem rates effective in this amendment are:

- Lodging rates do not include any taxes. They are now room rates only.
- Actual costs paid for lodging taxes may be reimbursed to the traveler as a miscellaneous expense (see part 301-11).
- Additional seasons (up to four) have been added where appropriate.
- There may be more than one rate within a county now. Please read the tables carefully.
- Many previously combined locations are now shown separately with different rates (e.g., Alexandria, Arlington, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County, are now listed separately from Washington, DC).
- There is one new M&IE tier: \$46.